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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chiefs of Intelligence  
SUBJECT : Security Handling of TALENT Materials

1. Based upon the advice of the Director's representatives who have closely monitored the TALENT Control System and their inspection, by agreement of agencies concerned of the physical facilities and procedures at each TALENT center, I am hopeful that we have in general an adequate protection to the intelligence products of AQUATONE. I earnestly urge that all of us, from the top echelons throughout their commands, guard against any relaxation in our vigilance in these regards. I am confident that these views will be shared by all concerned and that full cooperation will continue.

2. However, I do feel that in view of the sensitivity of the base of operations from which we approach our targets and in view of the sensitivity of certain subjects revealed as a result of the missions -- and here I think especially of guided missiles and atomic energy-- we need to make doubly sure that only those apprised of these matters who absolutely have a MUST KNOW requirement.

3. Accordingly, it would be appreciated if you would remind your senior officials responsible for the supervision of those handling TALENT materials to review their current practice in the light of our agreement that even those who are cleared and briefed into the TALENT system are not thereupon accorded access to all TALENT materials by right but the justification of MUST KNOW must be clearly considered and admitted before access is permitted.

4. In cooperation with your representatives, this agency has recently reviewed what specific steps at point of origin can be taken that would be effective in increasing our security in the regards that I speak of above, keeping in mind that it is also vital that we promptly exploit these materials for the ultimate use of estimates and their effects upon national policy. I have come to the conclusion as a result of this review that the only really effective measure that I can take is this appeal to a stern administration by each of us of the security system, its principles and practices, to which we have all agreed and for which we are all personally responsible.

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